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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. YOU MAY TELL PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AT YOUR SCHEDULED OCTOBER 26 MEETING THAT CLARK CLIFFORD WAS IN HOSPITAL FOR TESTS DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 17 BUT HAS NOW BEEN RELEASED AND IS HOME RESTING. HE EXPECTS TO RETURN TO HIS OFFICE SHORTLY. CLIFFORD CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN AND CONCERNED ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY AND HAD LENGTHY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ OCTOBER 26.

2. ATHENS AND ANKARA MAY ALSO USEFOREGOING AS APPROPRIATE.

3. IN YOUR MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU, YOU MAY ALSO SUMMARIZE
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OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKS ALONG LINES STATE 240823 AND SUMMARY PROVIDED GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS OCTOBER 17 (STATE 250299 PARAS 3 AND 5). IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT DESPITE WHAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN WRITTEN IN TURKISH PRESS (ANKARA 7804 AND PREVIOUS) THERE IS NO U.S. PLAN NOR HAVE WE OR TURKS MADE ANY COMMITMENTS TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTIONS. WE HAVE HAD GOOD TALKS WITH TURKS WHICH

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GIVE US BASIS TO BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE, BUT WE

CAN MAKE NO SPECIFIC PREDICTIONS ON HOW OR WHEN THIS CAN OCCUR.

4. YOU MAY ALSO MENTION TO KYPRIANOU THAT U.S. WAS INFORMED OCTOBER 25 RE TAF WITHDRAWAL FROM ERCAN TO BE ANNOUNCED AT 1300 ANKARA TIME OCTOBER 26 (NOT 1200 AS INDICATED SEPTEL). WE WERE TOLD BY TURKS THAT STEP WAS TAKEN AS GOODWILL GESTURE; WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WILL BE LAST SUCH GESTURE TO BE FORTHCOMING FROM TURKS OVER NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. WE ASSUME THAT CYPRIOTS WILL FIND SOME MORE PROMISING THAN OTHERS; WE WOULD HOPE THAT GOC REACTION WOULD NOT MAKE MORE DIFFICULT TAKING FURTHER STEPS.

5. IF ADDRESSEES RECEIVE QUERIES, YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT VARIOUS PEOPLE IN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES AS WELL AS TURKISH SOURCES TALKED WITH MEHMET ALI BIRAND OF MILLIYET, AUTHOR OF MANY OF SPECULATIVE STORIES. BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT HIS ARTICLES CONTAIN MUCH GUESSWORK AND INFORMED SPECULATION BUT INMANY CASES ARE FAR OFF THE MARK. VANCE

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